



ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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Legislator Rath allocates funding for JCC cultural arts programming

(ERIE COUNTY, NY) – Erie County Legislator Edward A. Rath, III is pleased to announce that the Legislature has supported his request to fund the Jewish Community Center’s cultural arts programming an additional \$5,000 in the 2017 Erie County budget, bringing the county’s total investment to \$8,400. The Legislature approved the request at the annual budget meeting held Dec. 6, 2016.

“The cultural arts programming is a highly regarded aspect of The Jewish Community Center. For years it has been recognized for its commitment to preserving Jewish life themes and values for WNY audiences of diverse backgrounds. I am proud to increase the Erie County allocation of resources to the JCC, including the Jewish Repertory Theatre so that its valuable programming and events can be augmented and expanded,” said Legislator Rath.

“The Jewish Community Center is thrilled to learn of this announcement that demonstrates Erie County’s commitment to cultural arts in our communities. This increased support will assist the JCC in providing a range of programs to participants of all ages and backgrounds, enhancing educational and cultural experiences through the Jewish Repertory Theatre, Buffalo International Jewish Film Festival, JCC Book and Arts Fair and two art galleries. We look forward to continuing this partnership with Erie County and promoting programs that inspire creativity and innovation as well as showcasing talented Western New York artists,” said Jordana Halpern, director of Cultural Arts at the Jewish Community Center of Western New York.

The additional funding was added into the 2017 budget without increasing overall spending in the next fiscal year. In fact, the property tax rate will decrease for the third consecutive year.

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